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Sir:

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. Copies of U.S. Patent Publications are not required and are therefore not attached. The references were cited in Notices of Opposition filed by seven opponents against European Patent No. EP 1 381 634 B1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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